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WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

The city of Portland has 337 jitneys.

Intense heat in Chicago Sunday claims eleven victims.

General Funston is in favor of withdrawing the American troops from Mexico.

The daily death toll from infantile paralysis in New York City is reported decreasing.

The railroad presidents are reported against the eight-hour day proposed by President Wilson.

Two Eskimos have been captured at Nome, Alaska, who are charged with the murder of a priest in 1913.

President Wilson signs the navy building bill and the work of carrying out the program will begin at once.

Roumania is thought about ready to join the allies, as the situation between that country and Germany is reported serious.

Eight persons were killed and 16 injured when three boilers in the Harlan Morris Steam Manufacturing Co., at Jackson, Tenn., exploded.

American supervision of Dominican finances soon is to be extended to internal revenue as well as customs receipts. A budget system also is to be arranged.

Swiss dispatches to the Overseas News Agency report that the French have removed the civil population from towns and villages behind the front in the districts of Nancy, Lunville, Baccarat and Saint Die.

A masked robber held up and relieved W. H. Estabrook, manager of the Boston-Idaho Gold Dredge Mining company, of gold dust and nuggets valued at \$2180 near Boise City in the Boise basin. The desperado made good his escape.

One man was killed and several wounded early Sunday at Cienfuegos in a political riot between partisans of Santiago Rye and Juan Florencio Cabrera, rival candidates for mayor. Many shots were fired and knives and machetes were used. One man was arrested.

The National Guard will be retained on the Mexican border until it can be withdrawn without again endangering American lives and property. Secretary Baker so declared the administration's policy in answering a score of letters from many parts of the country complaining that the state troops were being held in service after the emergency for which they were called out apparently had passed.

The list of securities furnished as collateral for the \$250,000,000 new British loan, which J. P. Morgan & Co., syndicate managers, have prepared, shows more than 500 issues of stocks and bonds, representing virtually every important railroad and industrial company in the United States. The list has been classified into groups, all railroad stocks and bonds having been placed in one group, industrial corporations in another and miscellaneous in a third.

The conference in Washington to settle the impending railroad strike has not accomplished anything, and the President has sent for the presidents of the roads involved, in the hope that an adjustment can be made.

The new German war usury bureau has justified its existence by revealing surprising details of widely ramified food frauds, according to reports received at The Hague. The frauds are said to involve a half dozen leaders and 100 accomplices.

Plans for a more vigorous campaign to prevent the spread of infantile paralysis were made in Washington, D. C., at a conference of health authorities Friday of most of the state with officials of the Federal Public Health Service. Resolutions will be adopted by the conference, in which eminent plague experts, scientists and bacteriologists are participating, outlining definite proposals for checking dissemination of the disease. While few of those present expressed alarm that the epidemic might assume country-wide proportions, they uniformly declared measures were necessary to guard against a widespread outbreak.

Candidate Hughes is greeted with the second largest crowd of the Western tour at Portland.

Miss Grace Arnold, a Portland stenographer, has been admitted to practice in the United States District court. She is the third woman thus honored in Oregon.

A bill providing that the sheriff of any Georgia county in which a lynching occurs be removed by the governor was tabled 115 to 29 by the Georgia house Saturday a few minutes before the close of the legislative session, after it had been passed by the house.

VAST ALLIED ARMY IS PUSHING TOWARD NISH; BULGARS PRESSED

London—The battle for Serbia grows in fury. While the allied forces are breaking a way slowly up the Vardar, along the railway to Nish, the Bulgars are pressing hard on both flanks, in an effort to prevent this movement from the center. The struggle continues along the whole front north of Saloniki.

General Sarraill's troops gained on both sides of the Vardar Wednesday. This stroke, which halted after the Doiran station had been won more than a week ago, was resumed with some success. East of the river the allied infantry won the southern spur of the Velez mountains, while to the west a line of heights near Ljumnica was taken.

Heavy Bulgar assaults failed to rewin the positions.

An indication of the scope of the allied plan in the Balkans is given in the announcement that since August 1 Russian troops have been landing at Saloniki. The censor until now has not disclosed their presence in the Balkan army. Reports from the Greek line estimate their number at more than 60,000.

Thus, with the exception of the Japanese, the Belgians and the Portuguese, all the allies are now represented in General Sarraill's army. The Balkan force is beginning to compare favorably in size even with the huge armies gathered on the eastern and western fronts.

The presence of the Italians at Saloniki shows that real unity finally exists among the allies. Although Italy is not actually at war with Germany, nor one of the powers protecting Greece, nevertheless she has consented to send an expeditionary force to aid the Serbs.

Because of the heavy drain on allied shipping and unwillingness among the higher commands to scatter their forces in an unhealthy climate, it is no secret that the Saloniki expedition was not always looked on with favor in all quarters. But the latest developments indicate that the advocates of a big campaign in the Balkans finally have won the day.

Railroad Presidents Fail to Solve Problem of Averting Big Strike

Washington, D. C.—Eight presidents of important railway systems who have been designated to draft the railroad's reply to President Wilson's appeal that they accept his plan for averting a Nation-wide strike were in almost continuous session Tuesday without solving their problem.

Late Tuesday night three of the committeemen, Hale Holden, of the Burlington; R. S. Lovett, of the Union Pacific, and Daniel Willard, of the Baltimore & Ohio, discussed the situation with President Wilson.

They were at the White House for more than an hour and on leaving declined to talk about their visit further than to say they had "asked for the conference to discuss the general situation" and expected to see the President again.

Although some of the 60 or more presidents are showing a disposition to prolong the negotiations in the hope that the sentiment of business men of the country will be shown to be opposed to the idea of an eight-hour day, there was a general feeling that a definite answer to President Wilson's demand cannot be much longer postponed.

Living 25 Per Cent Higher Than 1915

Chicago—The high cost of living this year equals the cost of high living last year. Higher prices and smaller portions at restaurants are the barometer of food conditions. Food prices have advanced 25 per cent over last year. The soaring cost of meats, flour and vegetables limits their use by many people and the cheaper foods, rice and molasses, are coming into their own.

The wholesale price of the best grade of flour per barrel is \$3.90 and last year it was \$5.50. Beef is now selling at from 11 to 20 cents per pound wholesale, an increase of 25 per cent. The greatest rise occurs in imported canned goods, which have advanced 100 per cent.

Live hogs sold at \$11.30 a hundred pounds at the stockyards Wednesday, the highest price since the Civil war, when they went to \$12.75 a hundred.

Preacher Repays Theft.

Washington, D. C.—With a \$4 contribution to the treasury's conscience fund Wednesday came the following letter signed by a Texas preacher: "You will find inclosed four \$1 bills. The person that is sending them has got to God, and doing his best to get to heaven. This is what he best the government out of several years ago, so please make some disposition of them, as the one sending them doesn't want them."

Candy Barred From Camp.

Lake Geneva, Wis.—Candy has been barred from the National Service School camp, where 150 women are receiving military instruction, in an official ruling. More than 100 pounds has been returned to its senders.

The women have asked for a camp manicurist and hairdresser.

Barbers Are on Strike. New York—Two thousand barbers in 800 shops went on strike Wednesday. Before the end of the week, the majority of the 20,000 barbers in the greater city will join the strike.

ALLIES START BIG DRIVE IN BALKANS

Strong Offensive Begins Along Entire Greek-Serbian Frontier.

FRENCH CAPTURE FIVE VILLAGES

Austrians Retire From Gateway Into Pass of Carpathians—British Busy on Western Front.

London—The long-expected general offensive on the Saloniki front has opened and the grand assault against the forces of the central powers now is in progress in every theater of the world-war. General Sarraill is attacking the Bulgar-German forces along the entire Greek-Serbian frontier, a distance of more than 150 miles.

Reports from both Berlin and Paris indicate that the entente allies are following the same tactics in the Balkans that signaled the opening of the great offensive on the Somme. Small bodies of troops are attacking at numerous points along the Bulgarian line, apparently with the intention of feeling out their opponent's positions before the real battle opens.

The French report the capture of five villages in the initial phases of the offensive, while Berlin reports the capture of Florina, a Greek town 15 miles southeast of Monastir, from the Serbians.

On the eastern front the Russians have forced their way into the heart of the great mountain barrier between Galicia and the Hungarian plains. The Austrians admit a retirement west of Jablonitz, the gateway to one of the most important passes through the mountains, which was seized by the Russians last week. In this district the Austrians are retreating toward the Chronahora ridge, the highest point in the Carpathians in that region. From this ridge the ground falls rapidly to the plains of Hungary.

Farther to the south, on the Bukovina end of the battle line, the Austrians have been forced back in their advance on Kiriababa, the next pass south of Jablonitz and about 50 miles from that point.

Daily attacks by the British against the German lines north of the Somme in France are having their reward, and Sunday was reported the most notable gain in some days in the region of Guillemont. After withstanding German counter-attacks, the troops of General Haig again assaulted the opposing trenches and gained from 200 to 600 yards along a front of 11 miles.

German Submarines Sink Two British Cruisers in North Sea

London—Two British light cruisers, the Nottingham and Falmouth, were sunk Saturday in the North Sea by German submarines, while the vessels were searching for the German high seas fleet, according to an official announcement issued by the admiralty shortly before mid-night. One German submarine was struck, while another was rammed and possibly sunk. The statement says: "Reports from our lookout squadrons and other units showed that there was considerable activity on the part of the enemy in the North Sea Saturday, the 19th."

London—A German squadron of some 15 warships, including large cruisers, is reported in the North Sea by trawlers arriving at Ymuiden, Holland, a Reuter dispatch says.

The squadron was sighted early Sunday in the region of Whitebank, and was accompanied by two Zeppelins, it was announced, on a northerly cruise.

Paris—Bulgarian troops are advancing toward the Greek seaport of Karala, it was announced Monday. They have seized two Greek forts. At several points along the front new engagements have been fought.

London—The British troops on the Saloniki front have advanced and repulsed Bulgarian counter-attacks. British cavalry have been in touch with the enemy.

Troops' Condition Good.

Houston, Tex.—Governor Dunne, of Illinois, who arrived in Houston after an inspection of the military conditions along the border, said: "I came to Texas to satisfy myself as to the conditions of the soldiers on the border because of some of the newspaper accounts which we received. I found that the most scrupulous care was being taken of the soldiers, that their physical condition was excellent and that their surroundings were good. Everything that possibly can be done for their comfort is being done."

Shark Breaks Up Race.

Boston—Henry P. Sullivan, of Lowell, was declared the winner over Charles Toth, of Boston, Sunday in a swimming race between Race Point, Provincetown, and Nantasket Beach. Toth was taken from the water by his trainers when a shark circled about him after he had covered 173 miles in a little more than 14 hours. Sullivan covered 25 miles. His followers said he was in the water 20 hours and 20 minutes.

U. S. LUMBERMEN PLAN EXPANSION OF MARKETS IN DEVASTATED EUROPE

Chicago—The government will co-operate with the lumber manufacturers of the United States in sending abroad a corps of experts to study the condition of European lumber markets with a view to a great expansion of the field of the American producer.

This was decided Tuesday at one of the most important conferences ever held in American business history, for the conference marked the opening of steps for co-operation between the nation's business men and the government itself for the extension of American trade abroad.

Part of the result of the conference will be the urging of the immediate passage of the Webb bill, now pending in congress, to remove any question of the legality of the organization by lumber manufacturers and other groups of business men of foreign sales agencies to secure and distribute orders for American goods to be sent to foreign countries.

General's Daughter Gives Blood for Babies



MISS HOUSTON SCOTT

Miss Houston Scott, fourteen-year-old daughter of General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, has given five ounces of her blood for serum to prevent infantile paralysis in other children. She had the disease several years ago. The operation was performed Saturday, August 12, in Washington, and was kept secret till public health officials there asked that it be made public in order to encourage others to give their blood.

Before taking up the question of how to organize the American lumber industry to secure the great volume of foreign lumber business that must come to the United States, even before the European war ends, detailed reports were given of the conditions abroad by the various interested organizations, as well as from governmental agencies.

Two Idaho Lads Admit Murder of Nevada Professor

Twin Falls, Ida.—Harold and Lynn Lovelace, brothers, ages 12 and 11, respectively, are in custody here, charged by their own confession with the murder of Professor F. Thomas Hamill, a teacher from Carson, Nev., at his homestead 45 miles south of Twin Falls, Tuesday afternoon of last week. The story of the shooting and the flight of the boys is almost unbelievable.

They had traveled about 120 miles with Hamill's horse and light wagon, sleeping in the sage brush, without bedding and thinly clad. They had with them supplies which they had taken from Hamill's house, also eight guns and revolvers of various kinds. They had also stolen guns and other things from ranchers along the way.

At the inquest Tuesday the verdict was that Hamill met his death from a bullet from a rifle in the hands of Lynn Lovelace. His elder brother Harold is held as instigator and accessory. Neither the mother nor their stepfather, a man named Pennywell, can be located.

Spain Increases Army.

Madrid—An increase in the Spanish army to 180,000 men on peace footing is provided for in a military reorganization bill which soon will be presented to parliament by the minister of war, General De Luque. This calls for an increase over the present force of 40,000 men. Under the new plan 68,000 men will be garrisoned in Morocco. The reserves of the active army will permit rapid mobilization of 400,000 men. The project provides for officers sufficient for a reserve army of 600,000.

Villa May Be Dead Again.

El Paso—A new report of the death of Villa was received here Tuesday by Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul. The report, emanating from San Geronimo, in Chihuahua, said that the bandit-chieftain died of blood poisoning resulting from his wounds at Tallamantes, near Parral, on July 9, and was buried near there. While the report was transmitted for what it was worth to Mexico City, it received little credence at the local consulate.

NEWS ITEMS

Of General Interest About Oregon

Survey Includes Bend.

Bend—Under the supervision of Thomas G. Gerding, head of the Northwest division of the United States Geological survey, preliminary arrangements are now being made to make the permanent survey of the Cline Falls quadrangle, which includes Bend. The north limit of the map will be in the vicinity of Culver, and the whole will cover an area of 850 square miles. So far as possible, previous government surveys in connection with local irrigation projects, and national forests and other land matters, will be utilized. The maps are of great value to the sections covered, as they show all natural features, including contours, and are made with the utmost accuracy.

Willow Factory Thrives.

Oreoc—Oreoc has a thriving up to date willow factory. About a year ago, upon solicitation, Harry Jibemann came to Oreoc and started the enterprise, and in one year's time has proved it to be a successful venture. He now has orders for baskets and furniture calling for immediate and future delivery and has been obliged to reject many orders. The enterprise has proved that on a few acres of land a living can be made by raising first-class willows for a factory trade, and working all second and third grade willows into rough wood and market baskets.

Mill Capacity Doubles.

Astoria—F. W. Swanton, manager of the Astoria Flouring mills, announced this week that the capacity of the company's mill is to be increased to 1200 barrels per day. This means that the output of the local plant will be more than doubled in capacity when the parity rates go into effect at the mouth of the Columbia river. The machinery necessary will be ordered at once. When the mill was constructed, provision was made to install a new line of machinery without disturbing the operation of the plant.

Goos Grain Yields Heavy.

Salem—Standing oats that reach to the shoulders of a man on horseback and that yield more than 130 bushels to the acre when threshed are not uncommon in the Coos Bay country, according to J. A. Moornaw, a farmer of that section, who visited the state-house recently. Barley has produced 80 bushels an acre, while a small planting of wheat showed better than 125 bushels to the acre. Mr. Moornaw's farm is river bottom land with a heavy deposit of leaf mulch on the surface.

Two Get State Pensions.

Salem—The State Industrial Accident Insurance commission has made provision for beneficiaries under the compensation act. For Ambrogio Tomba, an employee of the Pacific Lime & Gypsum company, who sustained a broken back June 10, 1915, when he fell off a muck car, \$7074.55 was held in trust. If he lives out his expectancy he will receive \$14,156. The widow and two children of G. W. Sanders, who died last month, are entitled to \$13,418 if Mrs. Sanders does not marry again and the children attain the age of 16.

Linn Plans Fine Display.

Albany—Linn county will have a splendid exhibit at the State Fair this fall. This has been decided upon by the county court, and County Commissioner Irvine has been delegated to collect and prepare the exhibit. For several years preceding last year Linn county did not exhibit at the State Fair. One was entered last year on a small scale but this year the court has engaged more space in the exhibit pavilion and proposes to make a first-class display.

Neighbor Packing Grows.

Hood River—The community packing house system of handling apple crops continues to grow in the Hood River valley, and no less than a half dozen such institutions will be in operation this fall. The latest community organization was formed recently by O. B. Nye, A. H. Berry, Medford Reed and A. Canfield, who have secured a centrally located building on the West Side, where they will install a large grading machine and handle their apple crop co-operatively.

Many Want New County.

Bend—Unexpected success is being met with by the circulators of the county division petitions, according to reports brought in to Chairman J. S. Estes, of the local committee. Many signatures are being secured in the Sisters-Torrebonne sections by volunteer workers, while locally the number of signers increases every day. The petitions will be presented to the county court at its September meeting.

Peppermint Growing is Success.

Salem—The peppermint growing experiment made during the past year on several Ankeny Bottom ranches promises to produce satisfactory results, according to Ralph Wells, who is interested in the venture. A company has been formed and a still for extracting the oil now awaits the first crop. Something more than 50 acres have been planted.

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